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EA/RA PASS TO JOE O'DONNEL, HARVARD TUP; DOL FOR ILAB, GLENN HALM

EO 11652: N/A TAGS: ELAB, NZ

SUBJECT: NZ FEDERATION OF LABOUR (FOL) APPLICANT FOR

- HARVARD TRADE UNION PROGRAM (HTUP)

**REF: WELLINGTON 03221** 

1. VIRGINIA BRANNEY, ASSISTANT RESEARCH OFFICER, NZ FEDERATION OF LABOUR (FOL), IS JULY RECIPIENT OF PRINCE PHILIP SCHOLARSHIP, ENABLING HER TO UNDERTAKE STUDY COURSE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, ARBITRATION AND GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENT IN U.S. SCHOLARSHIP MUST BE TAKEN UP WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF AWARD. BRANNEY HAS CHOSEN HTUP AS FIRST PREFERENCE, RECOGNIZING THAT HER INCLUSION FOR FALL SEMESTER PROGRAM MAY BE DIFFICULT. SPRING SEMESTER PROGRAM, HOWEVER, LOOKS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE FROM FOL POINT OF VIEW.

## 2. BRANNEY BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

23 YEARS, SINGLE BA 1976, VICTORIA UNIVERSITY MAJORING IN HISTORY UNCLASSIFIED

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COURSE WORK FOR MA FROM AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COMPLETED
- AND DISSERTATION IN PROCESS OF COMPLETION
SINCE MARCH 1978 BRANNEY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY FOL AS
- ASSISTANT RESEARCH OFFICER.
NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.

FORMAL APPLICATION IS BEING SUBMITTED BY BRANNEY

## DIRECTLY TO HTUP.

- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONTACT JOE O'DONNEL, HTUP AND:
- (A) ADVISE HIM OF FOREGOING INFORMATION;
- (B) DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT HTUP CAN ACCOMMODATE HER IN FALL (SEP DEC) COURSE;
- (C) OBTAIN COURSE DATES AS WELL AS REPORTING DATE AT BUSINESS SCHOOL;
- (D) ADVISE LABATT.

IF BRANNEY CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR FALL COURSE, SUGGEST THAT HTUP SEND HER LATEST COURSE INFO AT:
NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF LABOUR,
P. O. BOX 6161,

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

4. FYI: BRANNEY WILL BE INTERESTED IN ADDITION TO CONTACT WITH AFL-CIO, FMCS, NLRD, AND ONE OR TWO U.S. TRADE UNIONS DURING APPROXIMATE THREE-WEEK PERIOD FROM END OF HTUP AND END OF DECEMBER. UPON ADVICE THAT FALL ENROLLMENT IN HTUP IS POSSIBLE, POST WILL MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL CONTACT AND POSSIBLE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. END FYI. SELDEN

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